

## **Junior Ambassadors Mission Statement**

The Junior Ambassadors experience provides selected high school juniors and seniors with a unique program designed to develop greater appreciation for the performing arts, experience and better understand the importance of community volunteerism, enhance interpersonal skills, build self-confidence, and foster new relationships and networks. It is our hope that this experience will impel each Junior Ambassador to become a lifelong ambassador for the arts.

## **Purpose of Junior Ambassadors Program**

The purpose of our Junior Ambassadors program is to provide carefully selected high school juniors and seniors within the Charlotte Region with specially designed instructional and volunteer experiences that will enable them to effectively accomplish the following goals:

- Cheerfully and capably serve Blumenthal patrons as volunteer ushers in our six, liveperformance theaters
- Serve as round-the-clock ambassadors of Blumenthal Performing Arts to family, friends, peers and the community at large
- Become lifelong, knowledgeable and enthusiastic supporters of the performing arts
- Build self-confidence
- Hone personal interaction skills with the general public
- Develop new relationships and networks
- Become better equipped to identify, evaluate and pursue advanced education and career opportunities according to developed skills, interests and passions.

## 2016-2017 Junior Ambassadors Application Criteria

- A high school junior or senior during the 2016-2017 school year
- Minimum 3.0 high school grade point average (to date)
- Parental permission and support
- Reliable transportation to and from shows and seminars
- Willingness to volunteer usher a minimum of two shows per month October—April (14 shows total)
- Participation in at least three of seven arts management and personal development, Saturday morning seminars (offered monthly)
- Application materials submitted to BPA by Wednesday, September 14, 2016